

## **Water requirements of farmed mink**

### **Summary**

The aim of the study was to determine the need of mink farms for water and to assess whether current knowledge in this regard is in agreement with applicable standards. Literature data indicate that the average requirement of adult mink for drinking water is 0.33 l/day. Our calculations show that for other purposes associated with the functioning of the farm, the average water consumption per adult mink is also about 0.33 l/day (roughly the same as for drinking). This means that the average water requirement of a mink farm is approximately 0.7 l/day per adult animal. According to the ordinance of the Minister of Infrastructure (Journal of Laws 2002 No. 8 item 70), the estimated water consumption by a mink farm is 6–8 l/day per animal. This value is nine times the actual consumption and indicates the need to correct the current estimated water consumption standard to a value corresponding to the actual water consumption by mink and fox farms.

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